

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. J. T. Bowman, private secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor, which was read to the House:

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, Aug. 29, 1911.  
To the House of Representatives:  
I return herewith House bill No. 10, being "An Act to apportion the State of Texas into Senatorial Districts, and declaring what counties shall constitute each Senatorial District," without my approval.

The Constitution of Texas, Section 25, Article 3, says:

"The State shall be divided into Senatorial districts of contiguous territory, according to the number of qualified electors, as nearly as may be, and each district shall be entitled to elect one Senator, and no single county shall be entitled to more than one Senator."

The bill which I return herewith without my approval is not in harmony with the foregoing constitutional requirement. For illustration, the First Senatorial District is composed of counties with 14,396 qualified voters, according to the returns of poll tax payers, whereas the Twenty-third District is made up of counties with 23,189 qualified voters and contains nearly twice as many as the First District. The bill is full of such injustices and inequalities. It is a political gerrymander which is inexcusable, and in my opinion is indefensible. Nearly all of the Senatorial districts, according to this bill, situated in Western and Southwestern Texas, have an excess of population over the average when the number of Senatorial districts allowed by the Constitution is divided into the whole number of poll tax payers.

The districts with the smaller number of qualified voters are situated for the most part in sections of the State, which, according to the last census of the United States, had not gained very largely in population, but, on the contrary, in many counties had lost in the number of inhabitants. Whereas, if any differ-

ence was to be recognized it should have been in favor of those sections of the State which are now most rapidly increasing in population, so as to have given to the districts situated in the northwestern, the western and southwestern portions of Texas a more equal representation in our State Senate.

The bill is monstrously unjust because of inequality in representation which it provides for. I return it before the Legislature adjourns that an opportunity may be given to pass a bill which is fair to all sections of the State and to the people of all the counties regardless of their political alignments.

Respectfully submitted,  
O. B. COLQUITT,  
Governor.

Exhibit A.

District.	Popula- tion.	Qualified Voters.
1st	112,898	14,396
2nd	119,919	17,928
3rd	109,838	17,240
4th	117,722	17,932
5th	106,729	16,588
6th	143,820	21,417
7th	110,774	18,121
8th	125,176	17,447
9th	102,523	15,189
10th	139,595	19,284
11th	116,481	15,503
12th	133,062	17,632
13th	126,379	19,134
14th	131,140	19,388
15th	134,903	20,816
16th	102,028	17,571
17th	120,010	16,625
18th	125,504	20,430
19th	134,503	18,686
20th	131,439	18,740
21st	141,455	18,970
22nd	105,305	15,647
23rd	139,145	23,189
24th	134,464	18,217
25th	157,069	17,221
26th	101,208	15,097
27th	125,692	19,103
28th	131,269	18,831
29th	133,587	20,677
30th	120,346	18,529
31st	145,106	18,109

Exhibit B.

House bill No. 10, An Act to apportion the State of Texas into Senatorial Districts, and declaring what counties shall constitute each senatorial district.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The Senatorial Districts of the State of Texas shall hereafter be composed respectively of the following named counties, each of which districts shall be numbered as follows, and shall be entitled to elect one Senator, to wit:

No. 1. Bowie, Cass, Marion, Morris, Titus, Camp.

No. 2. Red River, Lamar, Fannin.

No. 3. Franklin, Delta, Hopkins, Hunt, Rains.

No. 4. Grayson, Cooke, Montague.

No. 5. Collin, Denton, Wise.

No. 6. Dallas, Rockwall.

No. 7. Uphur, Smith, Wood, Van Zandt.

No. 8. Harrison, Gregg, Panola, Rusk, Shelby.

No. 9. Kaufman, Henderson, Navarro.

No. 10. San Jacinto, Walker, Montgomery, Madison, Grimes, Anderson, Freestone, Leon.

No. 11. Nacogdoches, Cherokee, Angelina, Trinity, Houston.

No. 12. Sabine, San Augustine, Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Polk, Hardin, Orange, Jefferson.

No. 13. Liberty, Harris.

No. 14. Galveston, Chambers, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Wharton, Waller, Austin.

No. 15. Tarrant, Parker.

No. 16. Ellis, Johnson, Hood, Somervell.

No. 17. Hill, McLennan.

No. 18. Bosque, Bell, Hamilton, Coryell, Lampasas, Burnet.

No. 19. Falls, Limestone, Milam, Robertson.

No. 20. Lee, Fayette, Bastrop, Washington, Brazos, Burleson.

No. 21. Williamson, Travis, Hays, Caldwell.

No. 22. Colorado, Lavaca, Gonzales, DeWitt, Comal.

No. 23. Bexar, Kendall, Gillespie, Kerr.

No. 24. Matagorda, Jackson, Victoria, Calhoun, Refugio, Aransas, Goliad, Karnes, Bee, Atascosa, Live Oak, Wilson, McMullen, Frio, Medina.

No. 25. Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, LaSalle, Val Verde, Dimmit, Zavala, Maverick, Kinney, Willacy, Jim Wells, Nueces, Duval, San Patricio, Uvalde.

No. 26. San Saba, McCulloch, Concho, Tom Green, Irion, Coke, Llano, Mason, Menard, Schleicher, Blanco, Kimble, Sutton, Bandera, Edwards, Mills.

No. 27. Erath, Comanche, Brown, Coleman, Runnels.

No. 28. Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor.

No. 29. Clay, Wichita, Archer, Young, Baylor, Throckmorton, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall, King, Kent, Dickens, Wilbarger, Jack, Foard.

No. 30. Hardeman, Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Motley, Cottle, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Bailey.

No. 31. El Paso, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Culberson, Terrell, Crockett, Sterling, Nolan, Garza, Lynn, Lubbock, Terry, Hockley, Yoakum, Cochran, Crosby.

Sec. 2. The county judges of the following named counties shall receive returns and count the votes and issue certificates to the person receiving the highest number of votes for Senator at any election in their respective districts, to wit:

No. 1. Bowie.

No. 2. Lamar.

No. 3. Hopkins.

No. 4. Collin.

No. 5. Denton.

No. 6. Dallas.

No. 7. Smith.

No. 8. Panola.

No. 9. Navarro.

No. 10. Walker.

No. 11. Cherokee.

No. 12. Polk.

No. 13. Harris.

No. 14. Galveston.

No. 15. Tarrant.

No. 16. Johnson.

No. 17. McLennan.

No. 18. Bell.

No. 19. Falls.

No. 20. Washington.

No. 21. Travis.

No. 22. DeWitt.

- No. 23. Bexar.  
No. 24. Bee  
No. 25. LaSalle.  
No. 26. Tom Green.  
No. 27. Brown.  
No. 28. Taylor.  
No. 29. Wichita  
No. 30. Potter.  
No. 31. Midland.

SAM RAYBURN,  
Speaker of the House.  
A. B. DAVIDSON,  
President of the Senate.